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SUBJECT:NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. DEPT AGREES THAT NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL WAS OVERBLOWN AND MISLEADING AND NOT REFLECTIVE OF ACTUAL US POLICY TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT IS NOT TO BE TAKEN AS INDICATOR OF POLICY AND YOU ARE ON GOOD GROUND IN MAKING THAT CLEAR TO GOC AUTHORITIES AS WE HAVE TO EMB OFFICIALS. SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH CHNOUPEK SHOULD BE RECENT AND AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE OF OUR BASIC ATTITUDE TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. DEPT DOES NOT AS MATTER OF POLICY UNDERTAKE DIRECT DEBATE WITH US MEDIA REGARDING US POLICY AND AS WE HAVE SEEN NO REVERBERATIONS TO EDITORIAL, THERE SOME ADVANTAGE IN NOT GIVING IT FURTHER CURRENCY. IN POINT OF FACT, THERE IS SOME UTILITY IN US MEDIA BRACING GOC RE US SENSITIVITY TO NATURE OF REGIME'S RELATIONS TO ITS POPULATION AND TO SOVIET DICTATE, EVEN IF OVERDONE. WE CAN KEEP POLICY LINES CLEAR BY BOTH OUR OFFICIAL POSITIONS AND ACTIONS.

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3. ADDITIONAL FACTOR WHICH WEIGHS AGAINST PUBLIC INTERCESSION ON EDITORIAL IS GENERAL NATURE OF CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA CONTENT OF WHICH FBIS REPORT OF AUGUST 16 - LD 152106 (ALLEGING PROVEN CIA INVOLVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE INTERNAL

AFFAIRS) IS EGREGIOUS EXAMPLE. EMBASSY MIGHT USEFULLY
REFER TO OFFENSIVE NATURE OF THAT REPORT IF GOC INCLINED
TO KEEP SUBJECT OF NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL OPEN.

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